



GATEWAY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A M O N T E S S O R I C H A R T E R S C H O O L

GPA School Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2015, 7:00-9:00 PM

Location: Gateway Preparatory Academy
201 E Thoroughbred Way, Enoch, UT

Agenda Item	
Call to order / Roll	Toni Petersen calls the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Board members present: Toni Petersen, Helen Johnson, Amy Rice, Wyatt Ihler, Prent Klag
Staff / Public Present	Andy Burt, Jonada Munk, Lincoln Fillmore, Chris Roelandt, Melodie Jett, Melissa Dolan
Public Comment	Melodie Jett commented on the incredible week that included Dr. Seuss Day and the school concert. Impressed with what the children have done and how they interact with one another. Looking forward to the Title visit next week.
Set Agenda	Amy Rice motions to approve agenda as written.. Seconded by Prent Klag
Review / Approve March 2015 meeting minutes	Motion by Amy Rice to approve January 2015 minutes as written. Seconded by Prent Klag.
Board Training	Open Board Meeting Training on March 26, 2015. Held by the Utah Association of Public Charter Schools at Gateway Preparatory Academy from 6:00pm - 7:30pm.
Director's Report	Andy Burt discusses staffing changes and is accepting applications in-house for a PT Middle School Director and a FT assistant director. He is also advertising for a science teacher and a PT technology instructor, (pending approval of the Charter Amendment). Designation as a Title one focus school qualifies GPA for additional funding, but is contingent on an outside appraisal performed by USU, of our entire educational model. The goal is to develop a school wide improvement plan, focusing on math and science. Several Federal grants are being pursued: \$65,000 summer program, \$10,000 technology / equipment and a \$50,000 E-Rate for technology. Fundraising goals are around \$20,000. Bigger Events include: Fall Carnival, music fundraiser and a Pops Concert at the Heritage Center. The peer coaching program has been initiated, three teachers have been identified, and training has been completed. Director evaluation training was attended by board members in Feb. and Andy will work with them to develop an evaluation system. Iron Co. will help cover busing issues until the end of the school year. The broken bus is budgeted for replacement this summer. Enrollment: Full day kindergarten was added this last year and Andy anticipates it translating to 70 1st Graders next year. He also anticipates 50 students transitioning to 4th grade and 53 to 6th grade.
Jan. 2015 Financial Report	Jonada Munk presented the Jan 2015 Financial Report. Payroll tax forms were prepared, and reimbursement requests for Title 1, Title II, IDEA, and After School Program were submitted.. Planning to spend \$20,000 for the school-wide appraisal. Anticipates an operating income of at least \$102,550. Overall expenditures are at 55%, 3% under where we should be. GPA is in good financial standing.

Gateway Comparison Data 2014	Lincoln Filmore gives a power point presentation. Total revenue from all sources is just under \$4 million which is \$6329 per student. Considering its size, GPA compares favorably with ICSD and other schools across the state. More money is being put into the classroom . GPA is moving in a positive direction and its financial standing has been on a good trajectory over the last several years.
Action Items:	
Approve 2015 - 16 School Calendar	<p>Will align calendar with ICSD this upcoming school year, but will start 1 week earlier. The fall break will remain in Oct. but the Feb. break will move to March to accommodate testing and to coincide with ICSD and SUU.</p> <p>Prent Klag motions to approve calendar. Seconded by: Helen Johnson Vote: Toni - yes, Helen - yes, Amy - yes, Wyett - yes, Prent - yes</p>
Approve Charter Amendment	<p>It has been determined that technology is a better fit for GPA and will replace Spanish Instruction. Spanish will be offered as an elective in middle school. All new revisions were reviewed and concerns addressed.</p> <p>Motion by Helen Johnson to approve the Charter Amendment with the following typo on page 35 corrected from "purpand" to "and". Seconded by: Amy Rice</p> <p>Vote: Toni - yes, Helen - yes, Amy - yes, Wyett - yes, Prent - yes</p>
School Year 2014 - 15 Land Trust Progress Report	To meet the goals for this year, 80 chrome books were purchased and 2 portable chrome book labs were added. Additionally, a full time IT person / technology director was hired. A new math program was purchased and has been used extensively in Level 2 to help improve test scores..
Approve School Year 2015 - 16 Land Trust Plan	<p>The goal this upcoming school year is to put all of the land trust money towards technology, adding technology specific courses, with students having access to tech courses twice a week. Will continue to add technology devices and provide additional support staff. Would also like to add another stationary computer lab, if space allows.</p> <p>Wyett Ihler motions to approve 2015 -16 Land Trust Plan Seconded by: Prent Klag</p> <p>Vote: Toni - yes, Helen - yes, Amy - yes, Wyett - yes, Prent - yes</p>
Adjournment	<p>Motion by Prent Klag to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. Seconded by: Wyett Ihler</p>
Executive Session	N/A